

Town of Upper Marlboro

REGULAR TOWN MEETING

August 14, 2018

Approved Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Tonga Turner, President of the Board of Town Commissioners;
Wanda Leonard, Commissioner; Linda Pennoyer, Commissioner/Treasurer

Staff present: M. David Williams, Town Clerk/Administrator; UMPD Chief Calvin Washington; EC Chair Anita Washington; and TUMHC Chair Patti Skews

Also present: Maryland Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. (District 23-B).; and various citizens and interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

President Turner asked for consent to the Agenda. Approval was granted by all Commissioners present. Before proceeding, President Turner acknowledged the presence of Delegate Marvin Holmes noting he had also visited last week along with Senator Douglas J.J. Peters and Delegate Elect Ron Watson.

The Town Meeting minutes from July 10, 2018, the Work Session minutes from July 24, 2018 and the Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2018 were acknowledged by the Board as reviewed. Commissioner Leonard motioned to approve both sets of minutes and the Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded. All minutes from July's Town Meeting and Work Session, plus, the July 2018 Treasurer's Report were unanimously approved.

Reports

Staff/Committees: CERT Chair Wanda Leonard reported that their 16-member team has been and continues to support the Town Committees at their events, including the "Back Pack" distribution in the Town Center this weekend. Some CERT members will be continuing training in emergency management and she is working with UMPD Chief Washington on the Town's Volunteer & Donation Management Plan.

Commissioner Pennoyer reported for SCW Chair Stephens who could not attend tonight. She said the SCW has been working on the Sustainable Communities Re-designation Application and will conduct a "Mix-and-Mingle" event on September 13th for business and property owners, that will also mark the relaunch of the Façade Improvement Program (FIP). She added the event invitation will reach out to nearly 200 Town and area businesses with the goal to improve communications and create a partnership for economic development going forward. A survey will be conducted shortly thereafter, and a Business Forum will be scheduled for the following month that will include members of the County Commerce leadership. She noted that the SCW gained another member while exhibiting at the National Night Out (NNO) event, and that the committee continues research on grant funding sources. In addition, Commissioner Pennoyer will attend a job-site meeting with the State Highway Administration (SHA) concerning the restoration of the Crain Monument.

Events Committee Chair Anita Washington reported that the July Movie night was very successful with an estimated 375 citizens in attendance, and since last weekend's most popular movie "Black Panther" was rained out, it has now been rescheduled for this coming weekend. September will be their last Movie Night and planning for an October "Trick or Treat on Main Street" event is now in development. She added the EC now has events planned for every month of year except January, and, will be forming a "Marlborough Day Festival" sub-committee, as well as, a partnership with NNO organizers for 2019.

TUMHC Chair Patti Skews reported that the Historical Committee will hold its next Quarterly Meeting this Saturday, and, will be finalizing plans to participate in the upcoming "Cruzin' on Main Street" Car Show, and the "Tobacco Basket" event at Darnall's Chance House Museum. They will also be displaying at the SCW's "Mix & Mingle" Wine & Cheese event in September and will be help with guided tours at the "Happy Wanderers" 5-10K Special Event in October. She added that the PGC Historical Society has

asked the TUMHC Archivist, Brian Callicott, to provide a guided tour of the Town to be included in their Historic Bus Tour of the County. Ms. Skews then announced Ms. Tanja B. Hammond has agreed to come aboard the Committee as Vice-Chair. She noted the TUMHC took a tour and conducted research at the Marlboro Branch Library last month, and, also attended the "Blessing of the St. Mary of the Assumption Rectory" where they were able to tour the facility, take pictures and record the Priest's blessing.

Historical Committee Nomination: While on the topic of history, the President moved up this Agenda line item in order to conduct the appointment of Ms. Hammond to the TUMHC. President Turner stated that Tanja Hammond brings with her a professionalism that will greatly assist the TUMHC with their outreach to the community and advancing the historical education of area citizens. She also acknowledged Ms Hammond for her guided tour of the historic African-American Cemetery on Valley Lane when Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford visited the Board of Commissioners at Town Hall on July 12, 2018. After reading aloud the Certificate of Appointment, Tanja Hammond was welcomed unanimously by the Board as the new Vice Chair for the Town of Upper Marlboro Historical Committee.

Officer Madero/UMPD: Officer Stan Madero reported that the UMPD issued 12 moving violations, 15 parking citations and answered 45 calls for service within the last month. They also assisted the MVFD with the recent fire 14703 Main Street, and have since apprehended the suspect believed to have started it.

President Turner: Reported that the Town's State Delegation members (Senator Peters, Delegate Barns, and Delegate Vallario) visited on August 10th to discuss shared priorities such as: a.) Support for Water Street Bridge renovation; b.) Approval for Speed Camera Program; c.) Letter of support from Senator Peters for Playground grant and installation; and, d.) Support with the acquiring and renovation of the Old Stone Building. Other items touched upon included Annexation and Bond Bills. Delegate Holmes interjected that he found the meeting was a good opportunity for the Delegation to hear exactly what the Town is looking for in support and that the vision delivered from President Turner was outstanding and applauds her for that. It was noted that the Town's Historical Committee should plan to testify on the historical merit of the Old Stone Building when it comes before the County Board for a vote.

President Turner then delivered updates on the following topics: 1.) Downtown Economic Development; 2.) Kudos to the UMPD and the MVFD for their response to the downtown fire—and assistance with recovery efforts and making the pedestrian walkway safer; 3.) Now have several Town Committees, and plan for more to address Town demographics (i.e.; Youth and Senior Committees); and, 4.) Currently searching for a Community Relations professional who can handle the larger volume of media requests.

Business

Ordinance 2018-04: Retail Hours of Operation: The President delivered an overview of the legislation's purpose, scope, plus, introduction and public comment history. She noted that police coverage will be extended to cover the later hours of operation, and, future legislation will address new business prospects by requiring developers to submit RFIs, giving the Town and its residents to review proposals. After discussion, Commissioner Pennoyer motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-04: Retail Hours of Operation, Commissioner Leonard seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance 2018-05: To Amend Ordinance 2016-03: The President acknowledged the ordinance purpose is to amend Ordinance 2016-03 to now include parking meter zoning along Judges Drive. It was noted the initiative can bring an additional 50 metered spaces to the Town's inventory, and that the legislation has been fully vetted through the Town Attorney. A courtesy letter notification will go out to the Court and Sheriff's Department 30 days in advance of the ordinance going into effect. She added that 3 or 4 spaces will be designated for the County Sheriff's Office. After discussion, Commissioner Pennoyer motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-05: To Amend Ordinance 2016-03, Commissioner Leonard seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Emergency Ordinance 2018-06: To Approve Police Mutual Aid MOU: The President explained the emergency status of the Mutual Aid Agreement that had actually been on the record for some time, but had not yet been ratified. Commissioner Leonard motioned to adopt Ordinance 2018-06: Police Mutual Aid MOU, Commissioner Pennoyer seconded. With all in favor, the motion was unanimously approved.

Proclamation 2018-01: A Proclamation for recognition of 25 years of excellent service by Dr. Champaloux, M.D. to Upper Marlboro citizens was read aloud by the President. Necessary edits were noted by the Clerk, and Delegate Holmes offered to add an additional proclamation from his office.

General/Administration issues: There were no issues brought forth to the Board at this time.

Public Comment

There was no additional public comment at this time.

Adjournment

Commissioner Penoyer made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Leonard seconded the motion. With no one in opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



M. David Williams
Town Clerk/Administrator

